

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3748**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takamitsu ASANUMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3748

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For: DEVICE FOR PURIFYING THE EXHAUST GAS OF AN INTERNAL
COMBUSTION ENGINE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the May 6, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 5 as follows:

5. (Twice Amended) A device for purifying the exhaust gas of an internal
combustion engine comprising:

a particulate filter arranged in the exhaust system, which carries an oxidation
catalyst for absorbing NO_x when the air-fuel ratio is lean and releasing NO_x when the air-fuel
ratio is stoichiometric or rich; and

a catalytic apparatus for purifying NO_x arranged in the exhaust system
upstream of said particulate filter, which carries said catalyst for absorbing and reducing
NO_x.

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